

# SIGHTINGS

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## THE EYE TEST: The Sight Center Teams with Kroger and Channel 13 to Prevent Blindness

Chances are you heard about us on television. More importantly, you learned about blindness, its causes and ways to prevent it. This was the result of a combined effort of The Sight Center, WTVG-TV, Channel 13, and Kroger Pharmacies.

For a two week period which began on April 28, TV-13 Healthcast Reporter and 5 o'clock anchor Diane Larson produced and presented stories on Sight Center clients and the benefits of taking "The Eye Test," a home vision screening tool that detects visual problems.

The Eye Test was developed by Vistech Consultants of Dayton, Ohio for testing the vision of astronauts. It was found that while all pilots had 20/20 vision, some were able to detect objects up to 14 seconds sooner than others. The Eye Test measures contrast sensitivity, or the ability to see objects in shades, much like we see the world. This concept is considerably different from the Snellen Eye ("E") chart which measures a person's vision on his or her ability to see crisp black letters on a white background. The designer of the Contrast Sensitivity Test, Dr. Arthur Ginsburg, spoke in Toledo last August at the annual conference of The National Association of Vision Professionals hosted by The Sight Center. As a result, Carl Fisher, Manager of National Marketing Programs for Vistech, visited The Sight Center and began to coordinate the venture.



Area Kroger Pharmacists were among the first to take The Eye Test.

The test was available at Kroger Pharmacies throughout the month of May. Nearly 9,000 tests were distributed. While the actual test was a screening device and not intended to take the place of a complete eye exam, over 62 percent of those taking the test were sent a letter by The Sight Center indicating failure and directed to make an appointment for an eye exam. All participants received a personal note indicating a pass or fail score. The failure letters included a form to be filled out by the examining doctor. Returned to The Sight Center, the form collects statistics regarding the incidence of eye disease. To date, many

cases of glaucoma, cataracts, retinal disorders, and refraction errors have been discovered. All of the data on the eye test will be computerized. A detailed statistical report will follow in the next few months.

Channel 13 provided a valuable public service in educating our community about eye disease and prevention. Mike Sullivan, News Director, Jim Nowak, Director of Creative Services, and Al Mannes, Special Projects Producer were entirely supportive. Diane Larson and Bob Woods wrote and produced the series. Many of The Sight Center clients and former clients, such as Mark Wongrowski, Richard Hollins,

Kathryn Franklin, Jim Allen, and Dorothy Cosmos were gracious enough to share their stories on film. Doctors Phil Nelson, Kathy Karol, and Jerry Drahem took time from their busy schedules to be interviewed.

Kroger Pharmacies not only distributed the tests in their stores but completely underwrote the cost. They printed posters and copies of "The Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions." As it turned out, the most frequently asked question on the Sight Center hotline was "Where is the nearest Kroger Pharmacy?" Kroger's Assistant Advertising Manager Dale Hollandsworth and Pharmacy Sales Promoter Bill Sheridan were instrumental in bringing The Eye Test to our area.

A program such as The Eye Test was successful because of volunteers. The Sight Center was responsible for scoring, mailing results, and manning telephones to answer questions about the test. Volunteers Nancy Burton, Ruth Rudinger, Virginia Lewandowski, Dawn Christensen, Candy Renner, Nancy Miller, Jackie Sobocki, and Jim Kozy spent hours completing those tasks.

"It was a winning situation for everyone," said Barry McEwen, Sight Center President. "Channel 13 was able to provide an educational service to its viewers, Kroger increased their pharmacy contact with the public, and the agency was able to fulfill its mission to provide prevention and public education services to the community. All of us at The Sight Center appreciate the cooperation of those who made The Eye Test project an exceptional accomplishment."

## Nancy Burton Wins John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award

The fifth winner of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award is Nancy Burton, a Sight Center volunteer since 1979. As a receptionist, librarian, mailing list coordinator, eye screener, archivist, and coordinator of the Holiday Greeting Card program, Nancy has given over 3,500 hours to the agency.

Mrs. Burton was honored at the Volunteer Luncheon on April 18. These are Board Chairman Gerald Hazel's remarks as he presented the award to Nancy:

Since September of 1979, we have been fortunate to have among us,

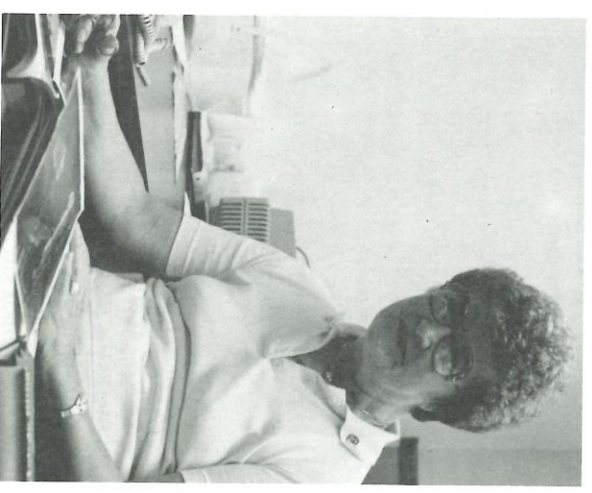
someone with no apparent limit to an energy that enables her to fulfill a multitude of services for The Sight Center.

She has graciously bestowed on us well over 3,500 hours of quality time. But more importantly, she has demonstrated leadership, dependability, versatility, and resourcefulness in the many volunteer roles that she has fulfilled. She has worked as an organizer and updater of mailing lists, has archived Sight Center memorabilia, screened hundreds of preschoolers in our prevention of blindness program, and when our receptionist was a

volunteer, she was one of the best telephone operators in town. Probably her biggest job has been heading the annual holiday card program. This is a volunteer who has the skills of a bookkeeper, the salesmanship of Lee Iacocca, and the patience of Job. She has a reputation among Sight Center staff as the epitome of a wonderful, efficient volunteer. Staff have been known to say, 'Get me a volunteer like Nancy,' not realizing that she is one of a kind.

It's not just The Sight Center that is privileged to have her. She is a regular at the Voluntary Action Center and St. Timothy's Church. All that know her, as well as those she has just met, warm to her winning smile and pleasant attitude.

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Nancy Burton is the 1988 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award winner.



## High Vision Fun for Low Vision Kids



**Children's Orientation and Mobility Specialist Meri Thomas talks with a young participant at the High Vision Games.**

It was buried in some munchkin-type hills of Michigan farmland, but once you found it, it was stimulation for your sense of sight, regardless of your visual acuity!

Children from southern lower Michigan gathered on April 8 at the Milton C. Porter Center for the third annual "High Vision Games." All the participants have low vision, and many use a variety of low vision devices. Since some of the children may be the only one in their school using such a device, the event provides an opportunity to motivate visually impaired youth to use the prescribed optical devices and meet their peers in a competitive, yet playful setting.

The idea for High Vision Games came from Beth Sael, Consultant for the Visually Impaired at the Lenawee Intermediate School District. The children receive low vision evaluations and the prescribed devices through the Youth Low Vision Program funded by the Michigan Commission for the Blind. The children work hard all year learning to use their optical devices. The High Vision Games allow them to "show off" just how well they can use them.

The children are divided into teams and each child has a volunteer, about the same age, to help if necessary. The children hope to do well for their team while participating in each game activity. Games include tracking a rolling ball into a box, identifying a picture at the end of a crepe paper streamer, and determining expressions on people's faces. Lunch is also a game. The participants use their optical devices to read the pizza ingredients menu on the cafeteria wall. They have to record their choices of dough, pan, cheese, toppings; collect each item; and make their own pizzas.

This year, over 150 children, teachers, optometrists, and parents

took part in the games. Each was rewarded with a High Vision Games T-shirt and a tote bag. One of the visually impaired children told his class about going to the games, and his teacher organized several of his classmates to be sighted volunteers.

Meri Thomas, Children's Mobility Specialist at The Sight Center, has been interested in the concept of the games since they began. She is assisting in the writing of a grant proposal requesting federal funding to enable High Vision Games to be held in other states. "I'd like to see quality low vision services provided to children in Ohio and nationwide," she said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for children and their families to get positive feedback on the importance of their optical devices." Ms. Thomas was a team leader for the High Vision Games in Adrian. Similar games were held this Spring in Greenville and Gaylord.



**John R. Vaughn**, Sight Center Board member, has been named Senior Vice President, Corporate Funding and Investments for Trustcorp, Inc.

Vice President for Client Services/Personnel, **Donald Stevens**, and wife, Dee Ann, became the parents of son, Matthew Albert, in late November.

**Richard B. Iott**, Sight Center Board member, recently became the President of Seaway Food Town, Inc.

As members of a local health providers consortium, President **Barry McEwen** and Board member **Dave Pollick** were instrumental in helping Lucas County Government non-profit agencies receive a grant to provide care for low income pregnant women and children.

**Albert DeMarzio** serves St. Peters Church in Mansfield as a blind lector. He reads the scriptures in braille.

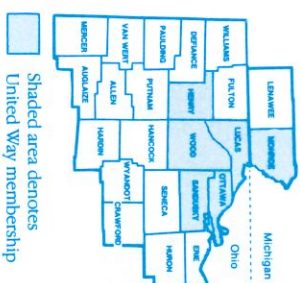
Though blind, **Maggie Tobin**, tutors sighted math students every week at Whimer High School.

**Kathy Kozy**, Vice President/Communications, has been appointed to the Lucas County Chapter of the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association. She has also accepted a term as Vice President for Membership in the Toledo Professional Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. Kathy will also serve as the Second Vice President for the Maumee Lions Club for the coming year.

The agency is saddened at the death of **Henry Nelson**. The Sight Center is grateful for his more than 20 years of volunteer service on behalf of the blind. Mr. Nelson was a past recipient of the United Way Henry L. Morse Award for volunteer service.



The Toledo Society for the Blind/**The Sight Center** is a private, independent non-profit agency serving 23 counties in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The agency is a participant in United Way funding in the following counties: Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, eastern Fulton, Henry, and Sandusky Counties, in Ohio; Monroe County in Michigan.



The Toledo Society for the Blind/**The Sight Center** has been serving the community since 1923. Its mission is to provide services that respond to the assessed needs of blind and visually impaired individuals, and to enhance the preservation of sight through public education and prevention services.

*Sightings* is a quarterly publication of The Toledo Society for the Blind/**The Sight Center**. All correspondence should be sent to Kathleen Kozy, Vice President, Communications, The Sight Center, 1819 Canton St., Toledo OH 43624-1380, (419) 241-1183.

## 1989 Is a Great Year For Your Special Gift



*A Message from the President & CEO*

**Barry A. McEwen**

Few of us think of taxes as a gift we give our Uncle Sam. If we did, we would probably put off the process as long as possible, thinking of him as a rich old guy who was "hard to buy for," with a closet full of knit shirts (still in packages) and a collection of outdated ties (red, white and blue ones, of course!). In reality, most of us do put off the shopping. We are slow gathering the needed information, figuring our tax bill, and we mail the 1040 about midnight on April 15. A proactive stance to taxes could make the process less dismal.

### Chairman

of the Board . . . . . **Gerald V. Hazel**  
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Even though the last two years have seen the phasing-in of new tax laws, the incentives to make charitable gifts are stronger than ever.

Volunteering and giving are the two best ways you can help The Sight Center maintain its current quality level of programming. If you are an itemizing taxpayer, you can deduct the amount in full. If you donate non-cash property or stock, such gifts are also deducted up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income. A charitable gift is one of the primary tax deductions within the control of a taxpayer. See your tax or financial consultant for more information.

In The Sight Center lobby are two beautiful "giving trees." These plaques have brass leaves which acknowledge, by name, substantial contributions to the agency. Plan ahead today. A gift to The Sight Center can make April 15 a happier day. Even your rich Uncle would agree.



# 1988 Report to the Community

## The Sight Center

### SERVICES RENDERED

	1988	1987
Social Services		
Information and Referral	595	174
New Clients	203	100
Rehabilitation Teaching		
New Clients	95	87
Orientation and Mobility—Adults		
New Clients	116	77
Orientation and Mobility—Children		
Total Children Seen	35	**
Children's Services		
Total Persons Served	273	262
Recreation		
Total Persons Served	151	61
Volunteers		
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Provided	9,494	11,174
Total No. of Volunteers	420	564
Adaptive Appliances		
Total Talking Books in Service	2,807	2,628
Prevention of Blindness		
No. of glasses purchased	250	161
Preschool children screened	2,548	2,045
School age children screened	11,160	20,534
Adults screened	2,788	2,793
Community Medical Eye Clinic		
Total Persons Served	347	329
Community Eye Clinic Opticians		
Total Persons Served	374	328
Diagnostic Ocular Pediatric Clinic	60	52
Special Administrative Services		
Public Education Talks	95	55
Visits and Tours	45	18
Hours of misc. taping time	808	794
*Total number of persons served	25,782	32,754

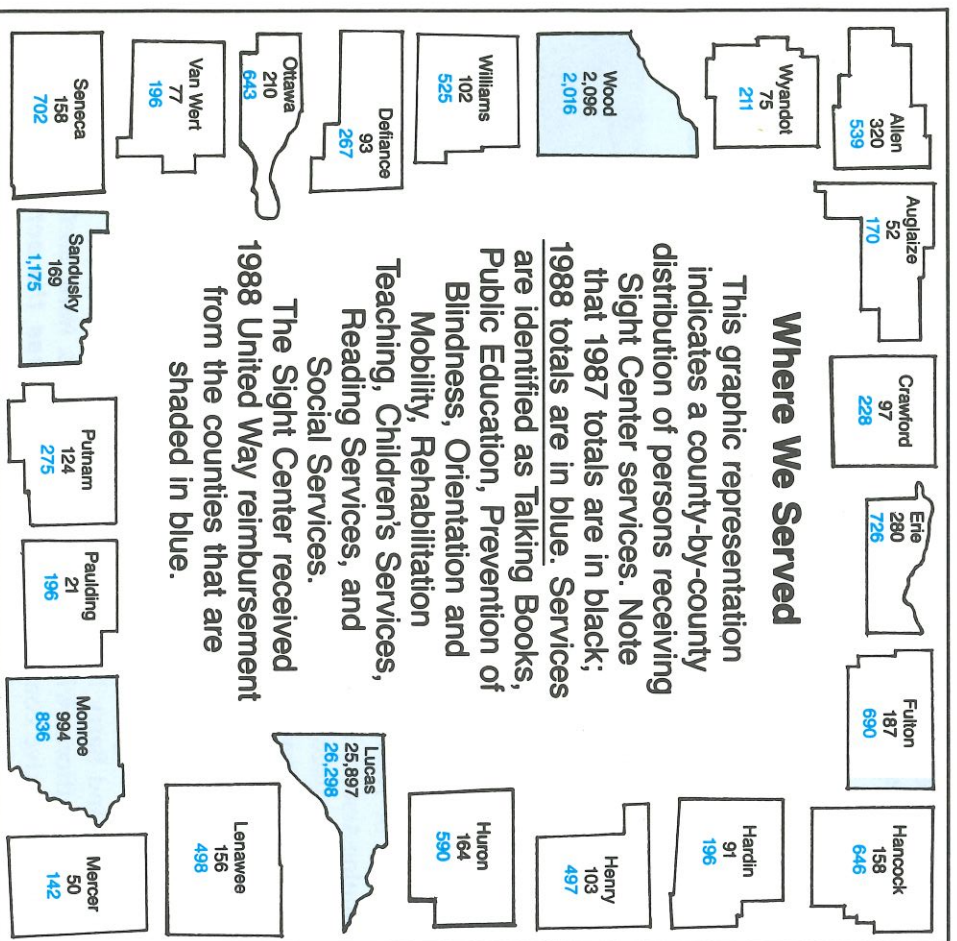
\*Totals must be approximated due to overlapping in services to individual clients, (i.e., person receiving orientation and mobility training may also have received counseling, rehabilitation, Talking Books, etc.)

\*\* Children's Orientation and Mobility services were not separated from those of adults until 1988.

### Where We Served

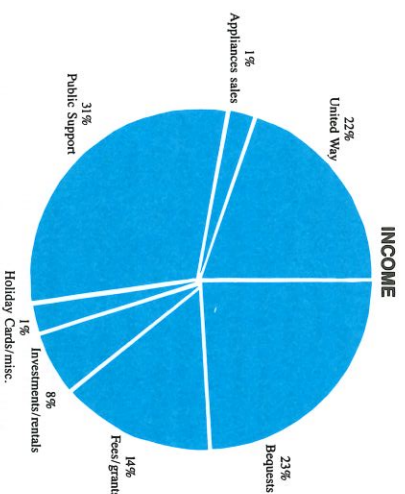
This graphic representation indicates a county-by-county distribution of persons receiving Sight Center services. Note that 1987 totals are in black; 1988 totals are in blue. Services are identified as Talking Books, Public Education, Prevention of Blindness, Orientation and Mobility, Rehabilitation Teaching, Children's Services, Reading Services, and Social Services.

The Sight Center received 1988 United Way reimbursement from the counties that are shaded in blue.

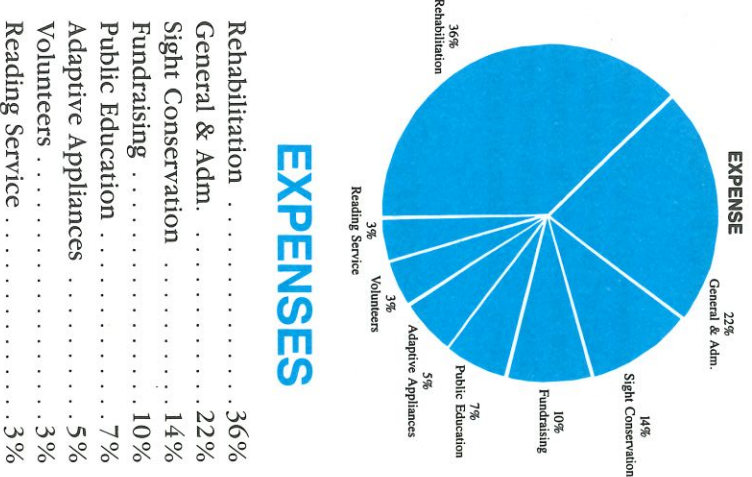


### INCOME

United Way	22%
Public Support	31%
Bequests	23%
Investments/rentals	8%
Fees/grants	14%
Appliances sales	1%
Holiday Cards/misc.	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



### EXPENSES



### Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses

#### Years Ended December 31, 1988 and 1987

	1988	1987
<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Public Contributions	\$232,783	\$182,298
Capital Campaign	5,300	14,685
Bequests	221,080	20,352
Grants:		
Government	12,000	12,000
Other	21,120	4,650
Donated Services	46,565	45,990
Memorials	6,986	5,074
United Way of Greater Toledo	201,064	185,000
United Way of Henry County	6,432	6,700
United Way of Monroe County	5,000	—
United Way of Sandusky County	1,008	—
Fees from government agencies	95,462	92,350
Sales of adaptive appliances	13,620	13,412
Investment income	33,737	31,143
Oil royalty income	16,619	21,320
Rental income, net of related costs	27,979	26,409
Rally by the River, net of related costs	—	11,825
Holiday Cards, net of related costs	3,597	1,696
Other	7,911	6,325
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$958,263</b>	<b>\$681,229</b>

### Expenses

<b>Program Services:</b>		
Adaptive Appliances	\$ 35,993	\$ 50,782
Rehabilitation	288,388	239,535
Sight Conservation	112,508	82,784
Public Education*	57,285	55,147
Reading and Information Services	22,300	14,622
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>\$516,474</b>	<b>\$442,870</b>

<b>Supporting services:</b>		
Fundraising	\$ 77,671	\$ 72,688
Volunteers	20,310	14,288
General and Administrative	176,345	155,507
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>274,326</b>	<b>242,483</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>790,800</b>	<b>685,353</b>
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	\$167,463	\$ (4,124)

\* Public education is now considered a program service.

The above information is a summary of the operations of the Toledo Society for the Blind taken for the Society's audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1988. Such information does not include balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, or notes to financial statements necessary for presentation of financial information in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Society's audited financial statements are available in the Society's offices.



# Memorial Contributions

*A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to The Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by The Sight Center from October 1, 1988 through May 31, 1989.*

## In Memory Of

**Paul Archambeau** by Dorothy, Lurley, and Michael Archambeau  
**Anne Austin** by Barry and Cathy McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shaw, and The Women at Austin Associates.  
**Victor Backer** by Mrs. Edward Kurtzman  
**Jeanette Ballard** by Rod and Lois Henning  
**Ellen Bartlett** by Mr. and Mrs. James Patnode  
**Mrs. Ruth Batch** by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruth  
**Virginia Bellner** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed  
**Clarence A. Day** by Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCormick, Jr.  
**Thelma Duke** by Mr. and Mrs. Kellermeyer  
**Joseph Duszynski** by Cathy Doe  
**Casillas Elias** by Mr. and Mrs. James Patnode  
**Ruth Ferrel** by Emma Claus, Teresa Paracheck, and Esther Wilhelm  
**Mrs. Carlton Finkbeiner** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch  
**Ellen Fisher** by The Clifford Clark Family  
**Ruth Gable** by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Holland, and Connie and Francis Tesso  
**Gordon Gilmore** by Mearl and June Huffman  
**Harry Glenn** by Mrs. Mary Maxine Liningter  
**Walter Gogel** by The Walter Gogel Company  
**Dawn Lee Green** by Mabel Borer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fare, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Klippstein and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rowold Kolobadeck, Patricia Ann Mauszak, Marge and Ralph Plath, Mr. and Mr. Peter Rajner, Leocadia Rumpz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schlaack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wannemacher  
**Bill Grohowski** by Al and Wanda McEwen  
**Mrs. Charlotte Hall** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed  
**Lawrence Halsey** by Edith J. Barber, Charles Brishin, Bob and Betty Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Halsey, Lois Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petz, Carol Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Ramsay, Gretchen and Ward Taylor and Irene Wileman  
**William Hamilton** by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Day and Barry and Cathy McEwen  
**Freeman Hanes** by Al and Wanda McEwen and Olive Norris  
**Charles Hill** by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duganiero  
**Mrs. Bertam Hirsch** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch  
**Gladys Hits** by Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Bertiaux  
**Robert C. Holland** by Mr. and Mrs. Dale V. Holland  
**Thelma Huddleston** by Ms. Norma R. Riley  
**Robert Kell** by Mrs. Grace Nasser and Mrs. Candance Renner  
**Danny Klinck** by Ms. Ruth Klinck  
**Doris Kronberg** by The Kronberg Family  
**Mrs. Frances Leupp** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed  
**Lawrence Maag** by Richard Maag and family, Eugene and Valerie Maag, Connie and Don Rampe, and John Warnecke  
**Theora Mathias** by Thelma Marsh  
**Dorothy Mayer** by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. John Cable, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Doren, Crystal Elton, Janice Helmlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hertzfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hite, James Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Longenecker, Jr., Gloria McQuade, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mecker, Ethel Peppers and family, Marie Roche, and Laverne Sell  
**Carl Mazzurco** by Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Kaczmarek, Terry and Nancy Martin, and Barry and Cathy McEwen  
**Robert Metfley** by Louis Metfley  
**Conrad Mendicela** by the Comte Construction Company

**Anne Mercer** by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musschl  
**Bessie Miller** by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schwarz  
**Henry Nelson** by Nancy Burton, Barry and Cathy McEwen, John S. Hirsch, Alice Levey, Mr. and Mrs. Al Levinson, Toledo Hospital Clinical Laboratory, and Mrs. Irene Youngs  
**Margaret Nelson** by Diana Clem  
**Mrs. Newmeyer** by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cowdrey  
**Paul V. Noel** by Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Noel  
**Charles Oberlin** by Mel Thomas  
**Mildred O'Brien** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buster, Eleanor Kardos, Esther Lankenau, Kathryn O'Brien and family, Corinne Stoll and Evelyn Vining  
**Raymond Perry** by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ames, Mrs. Terry Belkofer, Mr. and Mrs. Belkofer, Cal Billingsley, Stan and Erna Bourdo, Bill and Betty Carstensen and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carter and family, Cooley Canal Yacht Club, Beatrice Coon, Anna Mae Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ehrsam, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Habegger, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hall, Dan and Lois Hartman, Jerusalem Twp. Recreation Association, The Michael Komon family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ladd, Jenevieve Miller, Martin Olenka, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Perry, Lawrence Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Skip Perry and Heather, Mrs. Christine Saffran, Larry and Karen Schanke, Mrs. Dehla Shannek, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shannek, Mr. and Mrs. John Standing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stidham, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tank, Leola Wincnes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wirtz, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wohlgamath and Andy  
**William Scheweitzer** by Rose Watkins  
**Franklin Schneider** by Al and Wanda McEwen  
**Florence Schroeder** by Aileen Chrisman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davenport, and Aberdeen & McGregor  
**Charles Schwartz** by Mrs. Lillian Dean  
**Mr. Rudolph Shrik** by Mr. and Mr. Howard Perry and Mr. and Mrs. John Nye  
**Leroy Shuler** by Roadrunner Camping Club, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowman and family, Beulah Bressler, Mildred Denning, Minnie and Jim D'Anniballe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Epmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Garrigus, Paulette and Bob Giamo, Erna Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hartigan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartigan and family, Mrs. Richard Hesse, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Jones, Opal Jones, Jim, Barb, and Frankie Miller, Peter Rehm, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schutz, Ann Strause, Edward Tober, Dee Whitmill  
**Richard J. Siebenalter, Sr.** by Richard J. Siebenalter, Jr.  
**Willia Szalkowski** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed  
**Arthur Tattersall** by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed  
**Milton Tenlyck** by Orene Sheppert  
**Robert Tilton** by Rush Fowler, Esther Gabbers, Ellen Garner, W. R. Garner, Dean and Treva Harrah, Chris and Sally Hinshaw, Marlene Knapik and family, Betty Lou Koehler, Terrence Kutzy, Fred and Elizabeth Merrick, Michael Michalik, The Monticello Neighbors, Paul Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pfeifer and Jim Pfeifer, Joe and Maria Roszman, Ralph and Mary Lou Roszman, Jeff and Joy Roth, Star Players, John and Colleen Sheeley, Calvin Tilton and family, Carol Tiveman, Merl Thomas, Dennis and Sue Wall, and Howard and Carolyn Ward  
**John Voecke** by Mary McPartland  
**Charles Worden** by Leila Worden  
**Howard Zeh** by Alice Dominique, Loreta Fox, Ervin Goulet, and Orville Goulet  
**Anna Jane Zimmerman** by Noel L. Zimmerman

## In Honor Of

Special birthday of **Lewis Bach** by Mervin and Alice Levey  
80th birthday of **Dr. Robert Jackson** by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Klein  
Marriage of **Ken R. Duetsch** by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Karr  
**Father Murphy** by Kathleen Root  
Christmas gift for **Rev. Hartford Brucker**, SJ by Mrs. John Werner  
Recovery of **Mrs. Ferdinand Roth** by Mrs. Maxine Basch

**Gladys Perkins Estate**  
**Daisy Hickok Estate**  
**Jane E. Fry Estate**  
**Zelma Jones Estate**  
**Willis Stone Estate**  
**Natalie Ryan Estate**

## Bequests

Anniversary of **Mrs. and Mrs. J. Liegel** by Mrs. Maxine Basch  
**Mike Werner** by Mr. and Mrs. John Werner  
Birthday of **Patricia Knell** by Alice Knell

## Murray and Trauger Retire from Board New Members Added, Titles Change



**Bob Murray (l) and Charles Trauger (r) were honored for their years of service on The Sight Center Board of Trustees. They are pictured with Slight Center Board Chairman Gerald Hazel.**

In 1971, Charles Trauger joined the Slight Center Board of Trustees. Bob Murray began serving in 1978. They attended the December, 1988 meeting for the last time as trustees and a grateful agency said thanks. Both gentlemen were presented with a plaque by Board Chairman Gerald Hazel honoring their service.

At the same meeting the Board elected Barry Brandt, Bill Davis, Richard C. Heyman, Jr., Dana Johnson, Richard Iott, Dave Pollick, and Merl Thomas to terms beginning January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989. Barry McEwen was also appointed to a Board position. Mr. Davis, Mr. Pollick, and Mr. Iott are serving their initial terms of service. Each member is allowed to sit for two 3 year terms.

Bill Davis is the President of Continental Capital, an investment firm. Dave Pollick serves as the Executive Director of Northwest Ohio Health Planning Association, Inc. Richard Iott recently assumed the presidency of Seaway Food Town, Inc.

Officers for 1989 were also elected at the December meeting. They are: Gerald V. Hazel, Chairman; John Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Mary Krueger, Secretary; Douglas Austin, Ph.D., Treasurer; and Barry McEwen, President. The officers will serve as the Board's executive committee for the year.



**Blind and visually impaired persons once again had the opportunity to enjoy the annual Shrine Circus with some help from the Telephone Pioneers. Here, Shriner Jim Blossom describes the action under the big top.**



# Meet the Sight Center Family

There has been an aspect of caring in every job Jeanette Hrovatich has had since graduating from the University of Toledo. For a year and a half, she taught at St. John's Elementary School. In her most recent position before coming to The Sight Center, she came in contact with families of critically and terminally ill children. For the last four years she was the Resident Manager at Ronald McDonald House.

Jeanette replaces Madge Levinson, who was Volunteer Coordinator for 10 years. Madge has been appointed full-time Reading Services Coordinator for The Sight Center Audio Network, SCAN.

"My day was spent as a problem solver," said Jeanette. "I lived and worked at Ronald McDonald House. I saw to day-to-day operations, and worked with a volunteer committee that grew to over 100 volunteers." At the Sight Center, Jeanette will coordinate all volunteer services as well as help to manage The Sight Center's recreation activities for clients. She will be a familiar face at all Happy Times and Family Night events.

"I want to organize the wonderful team of Sight Center volunteers and



**Jeanette Hrovatich is the new Volunteer and Activities Coordinator.**

utilize all the talent to the best of each person's ability, whether as drivers or visitors to clients, or whatever," said Jeanette. "I also plan to work toward accrediting our volunteer program through the Voluntary Action Center of United Way."

Jeanette is married to husband, John. They are parents of John Michael, who is a year old. They are residents of West Toledo.

## We Get Letters!

Dear Ron,  
I never met a man with such patience and kindness as you.

I can read with the magnifier that I received from you yesterday and I haven't been able to do that in 4 or 5 months. It's a wonderful feeling. You're a wonderful man!

I appreciate all you've done for me. God bless you!

Helen Siepler

*(Editor's note: Ron Pompei is a rehabilitation teacher and coordinates our talking book and adaptive appliances department.)*

Dear Sight Center,

Please find enclosed the two tapes you made for my Computer Science II class, PASCAL for the Macintosh. I can't

begin to tell you what a help it was. I received an "A" in Computer Science and a "B" in Computer Science II.

I really enjoy my computer and it has aided me immensely in my studies. I have the Mac Plus and it has enlarging capabilities which I use all the time. All my reports appear on the screen in 24 point or larger print which I can easily read. I print myself a copy in 24 point size, and then print the final copy in 12 point to hand in to the teacher.

Again, let me say thank you for your willingness to help me. I ended up my school with a 3.0 average.

Sincerely,

John A. Hollenbacher

*(Editor's note: John's classroom text book was taped by volunteers of The Sight Center. Congratulations, John, on your academic achievement.)*

### Keep us informed!

**Detach, place in an envelope, and mail to:**

**Vice President/Communications, The Sight Center, 1819 Canton Ave., Toledo, OH 43624**

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# A Cold Day for Racing on the River

Winter coats, ear muffs, umbrellas, and sailing on the Maumee River. Mutually exclusive concepts for a May 6 Regatta? As the day ended, the only thing that didn't need to be thawed was the river. Regardless of some trickery by Mother Nature, the participants and spectators of the Fifth Annual Toledo International Regatta celebrated "Holy Toledo, It's Spring."

For the first time, The Toledo Rowing Club, which sponsors the competition, designated The Sight Center as the event beneficiary. The agency responded by opening its auditorium doors as a sleeping bag camp-out site for college crews, served a 5:30 a.m. breakfast to the rowers, and helped to market the event to the general public.

Crews from all over the mid-West raced the 18.5 meter course that began at the railroad bridge and ended at International Park. The day consisted of over 20 events, at 20 minute intervals. Mr. Jerry German was the Regatta Director, assisted by Mal Watlington, Assistant Director. The Sight Center is grateful for their efforts as well as those of all Toledo Rowing Club members, particularly Steve Munro, Lois Nelson, and Tom Webb. Next year's Regatta is slated for May 19, 1990.



**Rick Kleinert, a disabled rower, receives a special award from color commentator and former Olympian Bill Stowe at the 5th Annual Toledo International Regatta. Steve Munro adds his congratulations in the background.**

**"Winner" cont'd from page 1**  
Nancy Burton defines that standards for which the John Goerlich Distinguished Service award was created. It is indeed my pleasure to present it to her today.

The Goerlich award, named for John Goerlich, former Sight Center Board member, President and benefactor, is given each year to a person that has provided an opportunity to improve the well being of blind individuals, contributed significantly to sight conservation, performed volunteer services on behalf of the blind community, donated unusual or continuing service to The Sight Center, or made a notable financial contribution to the agency. Previous winners include John Goerlich, 1984; Thomas R. Day, 1985; Francis X. Lininger, 1986; Alice N. Levey, 1987; and Ann-Brita Page, 1988. Mrs. Burton's name was added to a plaque in the Sight Center lobby display case that holds the Labino glass sculpture, "Spacial Movement." She was also presented with a plaque.

Madge Levinson, Volunteer Coordinator, served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the luncheon for her tenth and final time. She recently has assumed the position of reading services coordinator and is overseeing the creation and presentation of SCAN, The Sight Center Audio Network. Elmer Fisher, State Coordinator, Ohio Radio Reading Services, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. As Madge thanked all Sight Center volunteers, she reported that during 1988, 419 persons gave 9,494 hours of time to Sight Center projects and clients.

Special awards were presented to John Hirsch, over 400 hours; Virginia Lewandowski, Nancy Burton, Jackie Sobocki, Betty Houston, and Larry Barnes, over 300 hours; Glenn Crosby, Ethel Lewis, Judy Williamson, and Alice Herremann, over 200 hours; and Kathy Oatis, Kenny Hayes, Dorothy Huether, Marjorie Owings, Ann Smith, Frank Siska, Doris McCarthy, Diana Glen, Bill Van Orman, Carl Tamlyn, Emily Enderbury, Jim Babcock, Charlotte Goodman, Fred Miller, Mary Frances Klein, and Bill Moritz, over 100 hours.

Five year pins were earned by Joan Bennett, Toni Clark, Ray Ketzer, Lois Henning, Rosanne Deutsch, Ethel Lewis, and Larry Barnes. Eugene Boyer, Ann Bragg, Mary Frances Klein, Janis Kennedy, Jack Shaffer, Jim Huff, Evelyn Vining, Nancy Burton, Doris McCarthy, Bill Van Orman, Helen Zielinski, and Catherine Williams earned 10 year pins.

For continuing service, appreciation was extended to the following groups: The Glass City Grandmothers, Home Builders Auxiliary, The East Toledo, Lima, Maumee, Toledo Central and Toledo (Host) Lions Clubs, Navy Mothers, Ohio Bell Telephone Pioneers, Toledo Edison Employees, Ophthalmologic/Optometric Technology Students at Owens Technical College, Sylvania Baptist Church, Delta Gamma Sorority, Temple Sisterhood Braille Group, Point Place AARP, Women's Educational Club, Zenobia Shrine, and Zonta Club of Toledo I.



## The Browns Basketball Game



*The Cleveland Browns vs. the Channel 13 Home Team basketball game was played on April 28 at UT's Savage Hall. The proceeds from the game benefitted The Sight Center. This year, local players were guaranteed 3 minutes of playing time for a \$100 donation. The opposing teams, The Browns and the Home Team, pose for a friendly photo. WTVG-TV's Michael Reghi was the Home Team coach.*

## SCAN—The Sight Center Audio Network is On the Air

With a makeshift temporary studio, dozens of devoted volunteers, and some assistance and cooperation from several public broadcasters, The Sight Center Audio Network (SCAN), began to transmit news to the print handicapped on March 27. Initially the service was on the air for 6 hours a day. Recently, with the addition of week-end programming from Columbus, broadcast hours per week have increased to 64.

SCAN is a special broadcast that brings news, features, sports, business, opinions, advertisements, and other items of interest to blind and visually impaired and physically handicapped people. Sighted persons can get this information from newspapers, books, and magazines. SCAN functions as an electronic delivery system for the print medium for persons who find reading newspaper difficult. At its heart is the daily paper with its in-depth stories. A reading service listener can say "I heard about that in the paper this morning."

Over 20 volunteers come to The Sight Center every week to record articles which are cut from the newspaper by

other volunteers. Each day the readers, usually working in pairs, begin with readings of international, national, state, and local news, editorials, sports, features and ads from The Daily Sentinel Tribune from Bowling Green. Then, from The Toledo Blade, the same (but not duplicate) information is read along with business news, Living Today Features, Peach Section and entertainment stories, and comics. The names of persons whose obituaries appear in both papers are read. Listeners can call The Sight Center at (419) 241-1183 or 1-800-624-8378 for additional information.

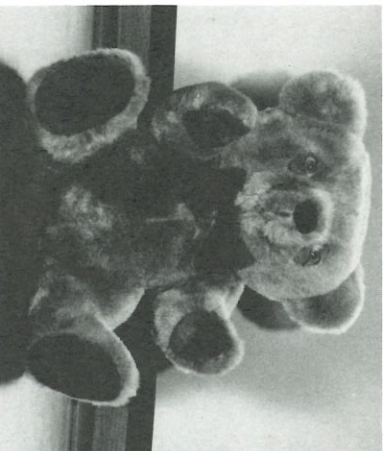
Each Monday morning, a unique broadcast covers features from the previous Sunday Toledo Blade. Every week volunteer John Hirsch gleans information, stories, and anecdotes that are timeless and entertaining and prepares them for transmission. Beginning in July, an additional 10 minutes of broadcast called "For Your Information" will cover news of particular interest to the blind and visually impaired. "Goins' On," The Sight Center monthly newsletter, will be aired

as well as articles from journals in the field of visual impairment.

Week-end programming is provided as a courtesy of the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network Commission. They have provided a microwave link between Columbus Radio Reading Service (CORRS) and WBGU-TV, Channel 27, the station that transmits the SCAN signal. On Saturdays and Sundays readers can hear news from the Sunday Columbus Dispatch as well as articles from national magazines such as National Enquirer, American Past, Christian Science Monitor, US News and World Report, Cosmopolitan, Playboy, and The New York Times Magazine.

Recently WGTE-FM has been added to the SCAN family. Each day the recorded transmissions are sent over telephone lines from The Sight Center to WGTE's studio. From there, a microwave signal is sent to WBGU-TV in Bowling Green, and there transmitted from their tower near Deshler, Ohio. SCAN can be received by most stereo televisions tuned to WBGU-TV's, second audio program (SAP) channel. A special audio receiver can also be used. Such receivers are loaned to qualified, print handicapped users on a permanent basis by The Sight Center for a requested (but not required) \$25 annual donation. Rush Miller is leading the efforts of the Telephone Pioneers to place the audio receivers in people's homes. Applications for service are available from The Sight Center.

A program that explains the broadcast reading service in detail is available for groups and organizations. Additional information on SCAN, "your vocal eyes of northwest Ohio," is obtainable by contacting Madge Levinson, Reading Service Coordinator.



*Orbit, the teddy bear, "works" at Miller Artificial Eye Laboratory.*

## United Way Monies Purchase Stereo Copier

As a result of a \$5,700 capital grant from United Way, The Sight Center was able to purchase a copy machine that makes diagrams and simple pictures into a tactile experience. A stereo copier accepts regular photostats, and by use of a special paper and process, raises all the print on the copy. The result is a elevated image that can be felt and understood. The process is particularly applicable in the teaching of blind and visually impaired children.

The copier is accessible to the public. There is a small fee charged for paper and copier use. Call The Sight Center for more information.



*The agency was shined and polished for the Capital Campaign Donor Appreciation party on May 24. Here, Ruby Salley of The Women's Educational Club examines Sight Center memorabilia.*

## Lesson in Bravery

Miller Artificial Eye Laboratory has added a new staff member who never complains about long hours, low pay, or pinches and squeezes from clients. He is Orbit, a teddy bear, who has lost both of his eyes. When children come to the laboratory to be fitted for a custom artificial eye, they are able to hold, insert, and remove Orbit's eyes. As a result, both the child and parent are reassured about the painless procedures involved in using an artificial eye.

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